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9 January 1987

Mr. William W. Roche
Chairman
Binational Affairs Committee
P.O. Box 2242
San Diego, CA 92112

Dear Mr. Roche:

In response to your recent letter to the Central Intelligence Agency regarding the "wiretapping" activities against public officials in Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, it should be noted that the Director of the CIA Public Affairs Office has previously stated that:

The CIA doesn't normally comment on stories concerning alleged CIA activities. We are making an exception in this case because the story is untrue and misleads the American public. The suggestion that CIA has been targetting Mexican officials in connection with narcotics trafficking is false.

We appreciate your interest and concern and hope that the enclosed materials will give you a bit more confidence in the integrity of the process we serve as members of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely,

Ann C. Crispell
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Public Affairs

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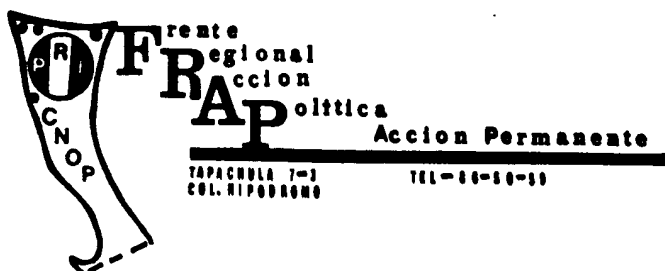
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Executive Secretary
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December 4, 1986

Mr. William B. Casey, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Casey:

Please receive this letter in the form of a formal protest in regard to the "wire tapping" activities of your agency against public officials in Tijuana, B.C., Mexico.

I am an American immigration legal counsel, and I am serving as Binational Affairs Chairman of the PRI Chapter in Tijuana. Our aim is to promote better social and political relations between the two countries. Up till last week, we were doing an exceptional job, in developing a mutual trust between the political figures on both sides of the border.

Last week our San Diego Mayor, Maureen O'Connor, and Tijuana Mayor Rene Treviño were to meet with their respective City Councils in San Diego. Mayor Treviño cancelled the meetings when the "wire Tap" episode took place. This set back our work at least one year.

The people here in Mexico feel that their sovereignty has been usurped, and you can't blame them. Mr. Casey, I have worked with the Mexican people for the better part of 20 years, as a teacher, and legal counsel, and mediator in the business world. I have worked with the Mexican Senate, and several members of the Cabinet under Miguel de la Madrid. Always as an American.

Sir, with all due respect for your agency, and to the personnel decisions made in Washington, just because an employee of the government might speak the Spanish language, does not make he or she qualified to work in a Latin American country. There are so many more aspects involved. You might investigate the courses of study at the Institute of the Americas located on the campus of the University of California, San Diego in La Jolla. These might prove helpful to your people.

I am certainly aware of the problems that exist in Mexico, and they basically root around the depressed economy. Illegal immigration, drug trafficking, etc. are nothing but a symptom of a sagging economy.

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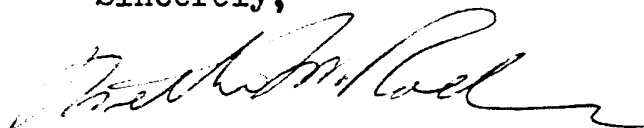
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The real problem lies with an over-abundant work force. In essence, unemployment.

Such covert operations such as the one that took place last week, does not emdear us to the Mexican people. These activities can only strain an already strained relationship between Mexico and ourselves, and solve nothing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'William W. Roche', with a stylized flourish at the end.

WILLIAM W. ROCHE, CHAIRMAN
BINATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

cc: Congressman Jim Bates - D-44th Dist. CA.
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